SI. No.	Item	Current standard amenities being provided for Type-ll Government Quarters
26.	-do-	One Power Meter
27.	-do-	One Electric Meter
28.	-do-	21 Light/Fan point i/c call bell
29.	-do-	2 plugs Points
30.	-do-	2 Fluorescent light fitting excluding tube

Feedback on Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act,1995

*317. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have collected feedback on the implementation of Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act,1995;

(b) if so, the salient features of the feedback;

(c) whether the end users are benefited by the new Act; and

(d) if not, whether Government propose suitable measures for the benefit of end users?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (d) The Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 was passed with a view to regulating the operation of cable television networks in the country. Ever since, the Government has been monitoring the implementation of this Act and its benefit to the end users. On the basis of feedback received, some amendments were made in this Act *vide* the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Amendment Act 2000 to *inter-alia* define the "authorised officers", make the Programme and Advertising Codes applicable to all channels/programmes when transmitted or retransmitted through a cable service and empower the "authorised officers" to take action for violations of Programme and Advertising Codes.

To look into the reported violations of the said Programme Code and Advertising Code, the Government has also constituted two committees

under section 20 of the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995:

(i) An Inter-Ministerial Committee consisting of officers from the Ministries of Information and Broadcasting, Home Affairs, External Affairs, Defence and Law to render advice on the violations of the Programme Code; and

(ii) A Committee consisting of officers from the Ministries of Information and Broadcasting, Women and Child Development, Health and Law and representative from the Advertising Standards Council of India to look into the violations of Advertising Code including cases of surrogate advertising.

In the recent past, Government received many complaints and representations against frequent and arbitrary increases in the cable subscription charges.Taking not of the fact that there are no legal provisions enabling the Government to regulate the subscription charges, the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Amendment 2002 Bill has been introduced to provide for mandatory viewing of pay channels through an Addressability System.These amendments in the Cable Act will not only enable the consumers in choosing the channels wihich they wish to see and pay for, but also empower the Government to ensure that every subscriber receives at least a minimum number of free-to-air channels, at a reasonable cost. The Bill has been passed by the Lok Sabha on 15th May, 2002.

Implementation of welfare schemes

*318. SHRIJANARDHANA POOJARY:Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount released to various State Governments and Union Territories for implementation of various welfare schemes during the last three years, year-wise and State/UT-wise;

(b) the amount utilized by each of the States/UTs;

(c) the action proposed to be taken in respect of the States/UTs for under-utilisation and/or diversion of funds;